CLAIM AMENDMENTS

- 1. (Canceled).
- 2. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 wherein said wall is raised relative to the exterior surface of said tubular member.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 2 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
- 5. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 38 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 2 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 7. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 3 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 4 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 9. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 38 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 2 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 11. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 3 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 12. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 4 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 13. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 5 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

- 14. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 6 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 15. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 7 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 8 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
 - 17. (Canceled).
 - 18. (Canceled).
 - 19. (Canceled).
- 20. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 18 wherein said aperture is threaded internally and said end of said connecting member is externally matingly threaded for engaging into said internally threaded aperture.
- 21. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 39 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 22. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 18 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 23. (Previously Presented) A combination Previously Presented as in claim 19 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 24. (Previously Presented) A combination as in claim 20 further including a lock nut along said end of said connecting member for locking said end of said connecting member into said aperture.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 39 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 26. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 18 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 27. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 19 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 28. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 20 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.

- 29. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 21 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 30. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 22 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 31. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 23 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 32. (Currently Amended) A combination as in claim 24 wherein a stop member having a round shape projects internally at about the middle of said tubular member.
- 33. (Currently Amended) The combination of claim 38, wherein said end of said connecting member is positioned within the confine of said tubular member in <u>direct</u> contact with said one conduit.
- 34. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member is externally threaded for receiving said conduit.
- 35. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein each of said ends of said tubular member further having an opening through said tubular member, said opening is internally threaded to receive a set screw for securely positioning said conduit.
 - 36. (Canceled).
- 37. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38, wherein said aperture is generally perpendicular to said longitudinal axis of said tubular member.
- 38. (Currently Amended) A combination of a coupling member, an electrical wirecarrying conduit having opposite ends, and a connecting member for positioning and securing said an electrical wire-carrying conduit to a remote supporting structure, wherein:

said coupling member is adapted to receives and supports said conduit, said coupling member comprising a tubular member having a longitudinal axis and at least one end, said end adapted to receives one end of said conduit along said longitudinal axis, and said tubular member having a wall containing an aperture facing said remote supporting structure; and

said connecting member having opposite ends, one end of said connecting member securely engaging said aperture in said wall of said tubular member, the opposite end of said connecting member extending outwardly beyond said wall and adapted to securely engage said remote supporting structure, to securely hold and support said coupling member and said conduit in a selected position.

39. (Currently Amended) A combination of a coupling member, a pair of electrical wire-carrying conduit, each conduit having opposite ends, and a connecting member for positioning and securing a said pair of electrical wire-carrying conduits to a remote supporting structure, wherein:

said coupling member adapted to-receives and supports said conduits, said coupling member comprising an integral tubular member having a longitudinal axis and a generally cylindrical wall surrounding an interior space and opposed axially aligned ends, each of said ends adapted to-receives one end of one of said pair of conduits along said longitudinal axis, and said tubular member having an aperture through said cylindrical wall into said interior space facing said remote supporting structure; and

said connecting member having opposite ends, one end of said connecting member securely engaging said aperture in said wall of said tubular member such that said end of said connecting member extends into said interior space to securely engage said ends of said conduits received in said coupling member, the opposite end of said connecting member extending outwardly beyond said wall and adapted to securely engage said remote supporting structure, to securely hold and support said coupling member and said pair of conduits in a selected position.

- 40. (Previously Presented) The combination of claim 38 wherein said tubular member further having a wall surrounding an interior space, wherein said aperture receives said end of said connecting member within said interior space.
- 41. (New) The combination of claim 38 wherein said conduit further having a longitudinal axis coaxially aligned with said longitudinal axis of said tubular member.